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SUBJ: BORDERDISPUTE MALI AND UPPER VOLTA

1. SEPTEL PROVIDES ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY PRESIDENTS EYADEMA, TRAORE, LAMIZANA AND KOUNTCHE AND ISSUED LOME NOONTIME TODAY.

2. GOT OFFICIAL AND MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF "RASSEMBLEMENT DU PEUPLE TOGOLAIS," WHO WAS PRESENT IN LOME NEGOTIATIONS LASTING UNTIL THREE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, TOLD AMBASSADOR DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN ACRIMONIOUS, WITH UPPER VOLTAN ENTOURAG, ESPECIALLY MILITARY, CLEARLY UNHAPPY OVER LAMIZANA'S MODERATION. PARTICIPANTS IN TALKS HAD ARGUED THREE HOURS OVER LANGUAGE FOR COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBING AREA FROM WHICH MEDIATION COMMISSION IS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO VERIFY WITHDRAWAL OF MALIAN AND UPPER VOLTAN TROOPS. GOT

OFFICIAL AND GOUV HARDLINERS, BELIEVING JUDICIAL PROCESS
WOULD ESTABLISH VALIDITY OF GOUV'S TERRITORIAL CLAIM, PRESSED
FOR WORDS "LITIGIOUS ZONE." COMPROMISE LANGUAGE, WHICH IS
OPENENDED, READS "ZONE WHICH HAS BEEN MADE OBJECT OF CONFLICT."

2. GOT OFFICIAL SAID MALI HAD INSISTED ON GUINEAN MEMBERSHIP
IN MEDIATION COMMISSION. HE FELT OMISSION OF IVORY COAST WAS
BAD MISTAKE. HE WAS NOT SANGUINE, MOREOVER, THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE
CONSTITUTED GUARANTEE AGAINSTRENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES, GIVEN
TEMPER OF NEGOTIATORS.

3. COMMENT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR CAMPREDON, WITH HIS USUAL EXCESSIVE
OPTIMISM, COMMENTED TO OTHER COM'S AFTER PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S
DINNER FOR VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE LAST NIGHT THAT ALL PARTIES
WERE HAPPY AND SATISFIED. LAMIZANA WAS ANYTHING BUT PICTURE OF
HAPPINESS, LOOKING GLUM ON ARRIVAL AND THROUGHOUT DINNER. HE
SEEMED MORE RELAXED ON DEPARTURE THIS AFTERNOON.
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